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EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT SUBJECT VESSELL, NEPTUNE TURQUOISE IS NOW CRUISING IN RED SEA AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITS NEXT DESTINATION. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION SHIP OWNERS ARE WILLING FOR VESSELS TO OFFLOAD CARGO FOR TWELVE CONSIGNEES AT AQABA SUBJECT TO THEIR SEPARATE BUT UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO PAY ROUGHLY 50 PERCENT MORE THAN ORIGINALLY AGREED FREIGHT CHARGES. FURTHER, ALL CONSIGNEES WITH EXCEPTION OF DISCO HAVE AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL.

2. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED LOCAL DISCO REPRESENTATIVE, MR ZEKI JORDAN WHO HAS INFORMED US THAT HIS COMPANY IS NOT PREPARED TO PAY ADDITIONAL FREIGHT CHARGE. DISCO'S POSITION ACCORDING TO JORDAN IS THAT ANY ADDITIONAL FREIGHT CHARGE IS RESPONSIBILITY OF FREIGHT FORWARDER UNSWORTH AND COMPANY, NEW YORK. ZEKI JORDAN HAS MET WITH OWNERS REPRESENTATIVES AND WILL MEET WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEM AGAIN TONIGHT. HE ALSO HAS TOLD US THAT HE IS IN TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH DISCO LAWYERS.

3. FROM SHIPPING AGENT WE HAVE SEPARATELY BEEN ADVISED THAT IF AND ONLY IF REMAINING AQABA CONSIGNEE, I.E. DISCO REP AGREES TO ADDITIONAL FREIGHT CHARGE CABLE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SENT TO MAST OF NEPTUNE TURQUOISE WHO WILL PROCEED TO AQABA

STRAIGHT AWAY. HOWEVER AGENT ALSO ADVISES THAT IF SUCH CABLE SENT NOW OFF LOADING OF CARGO WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE DAYS. IF SO IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET INSTALLATION DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY FIRST. PICKERING

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